

Attorney Docket No. 04162/LH

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Yasushi AONO  
Serial No. : 10/798,775  
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For : ILLUMINATION SWITCHING  
APPARATUS AND METHOD  
Art Unit : 2872  
Examiner : Lee A. Fineman

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No. 06-1378. In addition,  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed  
June 14, 2006, the term for response to which expires on  
September 14, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-9, 13-30,  
35 and 36 are canceled; claims 10-12 are amended; claims 31-34  
are maintained; and claims 37 and 38 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.